

II. REMARKS

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1-18 were originally filed with the case on February 10, 2004. A Restriction/Election Requirement was mailed on October 7, 2005, requiring election of a single species for prosecution. A Response to Restriction Requirement electing the species, AIT-082, was mailed on November 7, 2005. A second Restriction Requirement was mailed on January 26, 2006, requiring election of one of three groups for examination on the merits. A Response to Restriction Requirement was timely filed on February 24, 2006, electing claims 1-6 (the Group I invention) and withdrawing claims 7-118 as directed to a non-elected invention. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on December 7, 2006, stating that the Response to Restriction Requirement was non-compliant for failure to include the text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims.

The present document is timely filed within one month from the mail date of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. According to the Notice, it is believed that the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is all that is required for the present response to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (817) 551-4321 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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